

(c) (i) The following railway projects are in progress in Karnataka;

1. Bangalore-Mysore and Bangalore-Yelahanka Gauge Conversion.
2. Chitradurg-Rayadurg New Line.
3. Part of the Konkan Railway in Karnataka from Mangalore side.

(ii) Keeping in view the need to bring about speedy development of the transportation infrastructure in the backward areas, the following sections have been included in the budget for 92-93 for conversion from MG to BG.

1. Bangalore-Hubli 469 m.
2. Miraj-Londa (Partly in Maharashtra) 188 km.
3. Hospet-Hubli-Goa (Partly in Goa) 489 km.

[English]

Rail Line from Kalka to Parwanoo

955. PROF PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for extending the broad gauge railway line from Kalka (Haryana) to Parwanoo (H.P.);

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Consideration of the proposal would depend on the results of the study now in progress and availability of resources in the coming years.

[Translation]

Electrification of New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar Routes

956. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the railway line between New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar;

(b) if so, the time frame fixed for the execution of this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Electrification of Delhi-Ludhiana via Panipat, a part of New Delhi-Amritsar section is an approved work. However, there is no proposal to electrify Delhi-Bhiwani and Ludhiana-Amritsar sections.

(b) Delhi-Ludhiana section is planned for completion by 1995-96.

(c) Due to constraints of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

[English]

Grant of Licences to Sugar Mills

957. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: